

IMPORTANT INFORMATION EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Deadline Date of 3/3/2012 to file for EUC

As of 3/3/2012, opportunities for additional benefits beyond regular New Hampshire unemployment benefits will change.

It is possible that the Federal government will pass another extension, but until and unless that happens, benefit extensions are limited.

If you exhaust regular NH Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits for a week ending on or before 2/25/2012, you are eligible to file an initial application for Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC). An initial application for EUC benefits can only be filed with an effective date no later than 2/26/2012.

Did you receive your final payment of First Tier EUC benefits for a week ending on or before 3/3/2012?

First Tier is equal to 20 times your weekly benefit amount.

If so, your benefits will be increased by the Second Tier of benefits, equal to 14 times your weekly benefit amount.

Did you receive your final payment of First Tier EUC benefits for a week ending after 3/3/2012?

If so, no other NH or federal unemployment benefits are available at this time.

There are currently no Third Tier or Fourth Tier EUC benefits available in NH. There are no Federal Extended Benefits (EB) available in NH.

Did you receive your final payment of regular NH benefits for a week ending after 2/25/2012?

If so, no other NH or federal unemployment benefits are available at this time.

If you have had employment in another state in the last twelve to fifteen months, please contact that other state to determine if you may be eligible for a claim in that state.

New Hampshire 211 provides access to other avenues of assistance. Please dial 211 or 1-866-444-4211 or visit www.211nh.org for access to resources available. Your local city or town agencies may also offer support opportunities.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **I was told that because I hadn't earned \$700 since my last claim I couldn't have my regular UI benefits. Now I can't have my EUC benefits either? How do I get access to my regular UI benefits?**

You must have worked and earned at least \$700 since the beginning of your last claim to be eligible to collect UI benefits on a subsequent claim. This work must be in employment, not self-employment or casual work such as shoveling or mowing lawns.

- **I qualified for regular UI benefits but got paid EUC because it was more per week. When the EUC ends, can I collect my regular UI benefits?**

Yes. Once EUC benefits are exhausted, you would be paid your UI benefits.

- **I worked in Vermont (or another state) and New Hampshire, with New Hampshire paying my benefits. If New Hampshire won't pay me EUC, can I get it from Vermont?**

The EUC program is a Federal program. It will not be available in any State once it ends.

- **I just opened a claim and am starting to collect UI benefits. I'm afraid I won't find a job before my 26 weeks runs out. Can I apply for EUC now so it will be set up and waiting for me?**

No. EUC can not be applied for until no regular UI benefits are available.

- **If the Federal government does decide to extend or reauthorize EUC, what about the weeks between 12/31/2011 and the date when the law is passed?**

Continue to file weekly claims for benefits in a timely manner. If the Federal government chooses to extend or reauthorize the EUC program, or establishes a new and different additional benefits program, and indicates that the program is retroactive, you may be eligible for weeks already claimed.

- **Last year I had a claim and was getting \$199 per week. I ran out of regular benefits and then got a few weeks of EUC before I found a job. I got laid off again and filed a new claim. Now I'm getting \$352 a week but my 26 weeks won't be up until January. What can I get for EUC benefits?**

Because you already have an established EUC claim and there is a balance not yet paid, you will be able to collect that balance, even if your last week of regular benefits is after 12/24/2011. An existing EUC balance can be paid out. If you have 15 weeks left of the original 20 weeks of Tier I EUC, you would be able to collect all 15 weeks, as long as they were paid prior to week ending 6/9/2012. These weeks would be paid at \$199, and not \$352, because \$199 is what the EUC claim was first filed and established under.